

BARAD-DUR 32

BARAD-DUR 32, one in an ever-growing series of biweekly magazines devoted to the discussion and play of Postal DIPLOMACY. Gamesmaster & editor/publisher is Jack L. Chalker, 5114 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21207, USA (301-367-0685). Available in trade, or at the 10/\$1.00 rate. No new games are currently forming -- but watch this space.

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GB-1966-G

Within days of announcing the formation of "G" we had a complete roster plus some. I'm extremely glad to see some new faces -- three, in fact -- and one new to BARAD-DUR, but not to GB series play. For the record, if people applied as of this writing, "J" should be easy when the time comes....

Game fee is in brackets after your name. If you want the 'zine air mail, it's \$1.00 more than the stated price. Payment is due with or before your Spring, 1901 move orders. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO JACK L. CHALKER, please. It's hard to get a bank to recognize a check made out to "MIRAGE," let alone "BARAD-DUR."

Countries were on a first-come preference basis. Stand-by moves will be made during 1901 by anonymous experienced players if a nation is in danger of not building at all due to non-moving (under the theory that, while players can be replaced, missing an '01 build will alter the course of the game and will be detrimental to all players). After 1901 -- well, no stand-bys at all. If you miss 1 move, your units stand and do not support but may be supported. If you miss 2 consecutive moves (i.e. a spring & fall or a fall and spring) -- that's moves, not builds & retreats -- you will be considered to have resigned and will be immediately replaced.

My interpretations of the rules are often controversial. If you are ever in doubt as to how I would rule on a given situation, write me beforehand detailing the question and I will answer in confidence -- whether theoretical or real-game situation(s) are used.

Moves must reach me by the specified day and time noted as DEADLINE for all games. I am also not responsible for moves lost in the mail or garbled in telegrams. I am further NOT responsible for any move not submitted in writing or, if submitted vocally by phone or in person, confirmed within 7 days or less in writing, although every care is made to get the moves correctly and keep them available. I can virtually always be reached by phone after 4 PM (Eastern time) on the deadline date. If not, give the move to whoever answers the phone.

No revisions in moves are allowed. The first set of moves to reach me stands.

Gamesmaster errors must be appealed within 7 days of deadline or they stand.

Players are urged to submit phone numbers (including area codes) in case of emergencies. Otherwise, not responsible for lost moves.

The only rule on propaganda is -- THE SHORTER THE BETTER.

Never include moves in the context of a letter. Itemize your moves in full, then write the letter or propaganda underneath. For units moving to or from multiple coastlines, the coast must be denoted (abbreviations: (SC)=South Coast; (NC)=North Coast; (C)=convoy; (S)=support). The GM will recognize these. HOWEVER, moves made

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to or from Norway, the North Atlantic, and/or The North Sea MUST be written out in full to avoid the "NOR" or "NORTH" confusion. Deadlines are 14 days apart, on Fridays, 9 PM. Eastern time is used -- daylight time until the end of October, then standard.

If you move, send CoA and when effective at least a week in advance of the deadline date. If you go on vacation, send us your vacation address & dates effective. If a college address, be certain that you give home address & dates effective well in advance.

Your first game in BARAD-DUR or ORTHANC is \$4.00. That is your total fee for 1st class surface subscription for the duration of your game. \$1.00 more in BARAD-DUR for air mail. If you are in a postal game run by the National Fantasy Fan Federation Games Bureau (i.e. a GB- game) additional games are \$2.00 in either magazine.

Summer retreats will be concurrent with fall moves!

SPRING, 1901 MOVE ORDERS AND CHECKS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1966. This allows you 28 days for initial Diplomacy. You are then on your way every 2 weeks, effective that date. You are in GB-1966-G. Please remember to put the letter "G" at the top of ALL moves, and preferably also on the outside of your envelope. NEVER send moves by postcard. It's unreliable, usually illegible. In order to sustain your subscription to BARAD-DUR for the duration of the game you must continue to submit orders until the Gameemaster declares the position unplayable (usually 1 remaining unit) and may, of course, continue submitting until eliminated. A resignation also immediately cancels your BARAD-DUR subscription; an elimination does not.

THE PLAYERS

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ENGLAND: Brian R. Bailey, 1698 Fairwood Drive, Concord, California 94521. [\$4/05]
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RUSSIA: James Latimer, Merrimack College, Austin Centre, Room 223, North Andover, Massachusetts, 01845. [\$2.00 or \$3.00]

AUSTRIA: James J. Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Drive, Walnut Creek, California, 94596. [\$2.00 or \$3.00]

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ITALY: Eugene F. Prosnitz, 200 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201. [\$4.00 or \$5.00]

YOUR DIPLOMACY PERIOD BEGINS RIGHT NOW! ONWARD AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL!!

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RE: With new faces I know little about many of these folks, but I can say (1) Al Huff has lost many B-D games but will probably win the game in about 5 more issues. (2) The 32 above will give you a clue to the others who are found playing my brand of Postal. JLC.

GB-1965-B
SPRING, 1911

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UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves do not

GERMANY (Reinsel): f holland to the north sea

ENGLAND (Bounds): f denmark (s) f holland to the north sea

TURKEY: A CONSTANT TO BULGARIA
(Miller) A ARMENIA TO SEVASTOPOL
a sweden to denmark
ARMY LONDON STANDS
A LIVERPOOL TO EDINB.
A NORWAY TO ST. PETE.
A ST. PETE TO MOSCOW
A SEVASTOPOL TO UKRAINA
F ANKARA TO BLACK SEA
F AEGEAN (S) CONST-BULG
F NORWEGIAN STANDS
F SMYRNA (S) F AEGEAN

ITALY: A BELG (S) F NORTH SEA
(Mebane) TO HOLLAND
army burgundy to munich
army picardy to burgundy
ARMY VENICE STANDS
A PIEDMONT (S) A VENICE
F NORTH SEA TO HOLLAND
F ENG.CHAN. TO NORTH SEA
f ionian to the adriatic
F NAPLES TO APULIA
F E.MED TO THE IONIAN

AUSTRIA: A KIEL (S) MUNICH-RBUR
(Clark) A MUNICH TO THE RHUR
a bohemia to munich
a tyrolia to venice
A BUDAPEST TO VIENNA
A ALBANIA TO SERBIA
A RUMANIA STANDS
A WARSAW TO SILESIA
F GREECE TO ALBANIA
f trieste to the adriatic

There is one retreat.. German F
Holland is dislodged but must re-
treat to the Helgoland Bight, only
open province. Someone finally did
it, Charles! Benmark's next; the
list is long (Yar).
FALL, 1911 MOVE ORDERS ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1966, at 9 PM
EDT. Back on Standard by then....

PROPAGANDA(!)

Germany declares war on Turkey! Come on in -- the water's
fine!

CARTHAGE DALENDA EST!

SHAGRIN (CTD):

it could not succeed had it been supported. Fiendishly clever, though.
Humm...wonder if I can get away with it?"

The answer's difficult. I think my ruling rules out all such gim-
micked actions, but I'd like to see a full set-up involving the sup-
port situation which you mention in order to make a fair evaluation.

However, as far as I can see it, you state that,
if X attacked Y, and another unit of Y supported X into Y, it's of
no effect? No, the answer is that Y's support of X is of no effect.

However, the ruling you cite -- "An order to move with support
against a unit belonging to the same country as the moving or sup-
porting unit, is of no effect" is the precise rulebook wording upon
which I based my ruling in the C game fracas, and the same rule upon
which I base my decision this time re: Austria and Turkey in XF.

Now there's my reply, John McCallum -- though darkest Diplomacy
with rulebook and rationale. Comment?

See you all next issue,

JLC

UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves do not

RUSSIA: A WARSAW TO SILESIA
(Brooks) A DENMARK TO KIEL
A FINLAND TO SWEDEN
A KIEL TO RHUR
BERLIN (S) DEN-KIEL
A SILESIA TO BOHEMIA
A BOHEMIA TO TYROLIA
A MUNICH (S) KIEL-RHUR
F NORWAY TO NORTH SEA
F SKAGGER (S) BALT-DEN.
F BALTIC TO DENMARK.
F LIVERPOOL TO NORTH ATL.
F ST. PETE (NC) TO BARENTS
F ADRIATIC (C) T ALB-VEN.
A MOSCOW TO ST. PETE

TURKEY: A SMYRNA TO GREECE
(Mebane) A GASCONY TO BREST
A MARSEILLES TO GASCONY
A. PIEDMONT TO MARSEILLES
A NORTH AFRICA STANDS
A ALBANIA TO VENICE
A GREECE TO ALBANIA
F SPAIN (SC) (S) W, M-MIDATL
F W. MED TO MID-ATLANTIC
F LYON (S) PIED-MARS.
F TUNIS TO W. MED
F AEGEAN (C) SMYRNA-GREECE

Your GM missed; we're still going.
There are no retreats. FALL, 1910
MOVE ORDERS ARE DUE IN BY 9 PM
(EST) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1966.

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No propaganda.

XF GAME -- CONTINUED.

Must retreat. With more than 1 retreat necessary, and our rule that summer moves are submitted with fall real moves, you'll have to watch out. Remember to take the summer retreats -- which happen FIRST -- into consideration when moving for fall. DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1903 MOVE ORDERS IS FRIDAY, ~~DECEMBER~~ NOVEMBER 4, 1966, at 9 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

PROPAGANDA

The Emperor of France has changed addresses again, effective November 1: JERRY JACKS, Fox Plaza, Apt. 1613, San Francisco, California, 94201.

Kalmarby, Malmö, March 5, (Foreign Ministry): The Kaiser's government has repeatedly ignored our requests for a plebiscite in Slesvig-Holstein and Pomerania. The II Fleet under Adm. Eric Menved has been sent to Kiel to make the Kaiser see the error of his ways.

Moscow: The Czar regrets the interruption of Vodka shipments last fall to his brother, the Sultan of Turkey, and pledges his solemn word that the incident shall not be repeated.

Turkey must get out of Egypt or find herself at war with the Barbarians!

London: Foreign Minister Sir Lyon Gandolphus Grey told the French Ambassador that England would do everything possible to liberate Brest from the Barbary marauders who have overrun it. He stated that this might require the temporary occupation of Brest by British forces.

(MORE XF PROPAGANDA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEXT PAGE)

GB-1966-E
Spring, 1967



UPPER CASE SUCCEEDS
lower case does not

ENGLAND: A LONDON TO PICARDY
(Huff) A LIVERPOOL TO SPAIN
A EDINBURGH TO NORWAY
W WARSAW (S) A MOSCOW
A MOSCOW (S) A WARSAW
A BELGIUM TO THE RHUR
F BERLIN STANDS
F NORTH SEA (C) ED-NORWY
F BREST TO GASCONY
F ENGCHAN (C) LON-PIC.
F MID-ATL (C) LIVER-SPAIN
F IRISH (C) LIVER-SPAIN

TURKEY: A ANKARA STANDS
(Von A UKRAINA STANDS
Metzke) A RUMANIA STANDS
A TRIESTE STANDS
No A SERBIA STANDS
moves A CONSTANTINOPLE STANDS
recei- F SMYRNA STANDS
ved F BLACK SEA STANDS
F ALBANIA STANDS
F TUNIS STANDS
F TYRRHENIAN STANDS

FRANCE: A BURGUNDY STANDS
(Owinge) A MARSEILLES STANDS
no moves FLEET TUSCANY STANDS
received F LYON STANDS

AUSTRIA: A GALICIA STANDS
(Miller) A VIENNA TO TYROLIA
A SILESIA (S) A GALICIA
F W. MED STANDS

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A mistake last time -- I listed
a Turkish & a French Fleet Tuscany.
That is awful unlawful, as you
know. Actually Turkey was elimin-
ated from Tuscany in the fall and
is owed a build -- literally, as
he could not have built for it
even if I had listed it & is play-
ing 1 short. Since England is play-
ing 2 short, I must warn all play-
ers that, if present conditions
persis over the winter, 16 units
will at the moment win the game.
One fall elimination on anybody
but England's part in the fell and

he could have it. WATCH IT! Maybe England, maybe Turkey -- but mate
definitely in 3 moves. FALL, 1907 MOVE ORDERS ARE DUE IN BY FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 1966, AT 9 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

PROPAGANDA

Sir Alfred Huffleley today said that he was misquoted in the
last issue. "I did not say 'English victory' but 'English peace.'
I want all the peoples of Europe to know that England does not wish
conquest but a free alliance." The error last issue was that of the
reporter, not the magazine [For a change - JLC].

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XF PROPAGANDA (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4):

To Austria: I'll take Corsica, Sardinia, & Tunis. France can
have the rest of Barbary.

To France: Ally with Italy and divide Le Barbarien (what gran-
diose titles he's using now!).

To Scendinevia: Stop christening ships and get after Russia now!
OSLO, March 7 (KA)- A regularly scheduled passenger service be-
tween Kobenhavn and London has been added to the inter-provincial
flights of the Scandinavian Air Lines Co. It will use the long-range
E.-C. Mk. 7 aircraft seating 20 passengers. A service to Geneva is
being planned.

Columbus, Dec. 19 (AP). It was reported that the Wright Brothers,
after spending several months in North Carolina, will be home for
Christmas. Rumors of a suit with international overtones concerning
the U.S. and Scandinavia over some new invention are rampant here.



In a forthright admission, I used a standby player to make the French fall moves, fearing that a failure to submit would result in too many overall French losses. This materialized only to the extent of the inevitable (Brest) but I felt I had to act. However, it's caused Jerry Jacks a great deal of concern.

Herry states that he game me a move at the Tricon for spring. He probably did -- in fact, definitely did, I'd say, but Tricon was so damnably exhausting for me that I had little idea of the bits of paper handed me. In the fall, Jerry called to give me his retreat order. He states that, at the time, he also handed in his fall, 1902 moves. I have located the slip of paper with the retreat, and feel certain that I wouldn't have used a separate piece of paper for the moves, but, although in this case I tend to think that I'm not guilty, I really do not know whose memory is correct -- Jerry's or mine. France is still playable, but Jerry would like to petition for a restart from Fall, 1902, allowing your revisions and his moves. It will take 5 out of 8 of you to do so, so please vote.

Otherwise, next move I shall ask Jim Dygert to take over what's left of France.

Strictly speaking, France in XF is extremely weak and has little chance. It's a board weakness which I hope to correct the next time I play 9-man. I think now it's probable that France needs another free supply center at the end of '01.

In the meantime, we play on as usual. Jerry definitely did not submit Spring, 1903 move orders.

GERMANY: A MUNICH STANDS
(Schultz) A KIEL STANDS
no moves r'da RHUR STANDS

RUSSIA: A WARSAW (S) SILESIA
(Brooks) A RUMAN (S) GAL-BUD.
A UKRAINA TO GALICIA
GA SILESIA (S) BERLIN
A BERLIN (S) SILESIA
A GALICIA TO BUDAPEST
F RIGA VISUALIZES THE
COSMIC ALL
F PRUSSIA (S) A BERLIN

ENGLAND: F ENGCHAN (S) MID-ATL-B.
(Mebane) F MID-ATL TO BREST
F NORATL-MID-ATL.
A EDINBURGH TO YORKS

FRANCE: A BURGUNDY STANDS
(Jacks) A MARSEILLES STANDS
no F SPAIN STANDS (SC)
moves F PORTUGAL STANDS
received

AUSTRIA: A BOHEMIA TO VIENNA
a budapest to serbia
F ADRIATIC (S) MON-SALK
F MONTENEG-SALK (WC)

SCANDINAVIA: A MALMO-DENMARK
(Levinson) F STOCKHOLM-MALMO
F TROND-OSLO
F BALTIC TO KIEL
F OSLO TO CHRISTIANIA

ITALY: A APULIA TO NAPLES
(Gemignani) A PIEDMONT TO TYROLIA
F TYRRHENIAN TO CORNICIA

BARBARY: F TUNIS (S) trip-ionic
(Reinsel) F MOROCCO TO MID-ATL
F tripoli to ionic
F brest (s) MOR-MID-ATL
F W.MED (S) MOR-MID-ATL
A CORSICA TO SARDINIA

TURKEY: a constant. to ealk.
(Huff) a serb (s) con-salk
a salk to montenegro
A BULG (S) con-salk
a egypt to tripoli
F crete to ionic
F AEGEAN (S) crete-ionic
F SMYRNA TO E. MED.

Austrian Budapest is dislodged
must retreat. Turkish A Salk
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MORE ON THE "GILLILAND QUESTION"

I was almost ready to reverse myself -- even had an apology on stencil -- but then I saw how the arguments against my rulings were invalid.

The rules state that an attack is made solely on a province, not on a unit. This means that you can have either of the two alternatives without too much of a problem. However --

If a unit stands, it supports itself and may be supported.

If a unit moves unsuccessfully, it can NOT be supported in the province from which it is trying to move.

The rules state that an unsuccessful moving piece is bounced back, and must stand and support itself. Thus, the fact that a back-up attempt had been made with a 2-factor going into the province is irrelevant. The 2-factor attack can not be legally accomplished, since a bounced unit must stand and support itself.

John McCallum writes that he hasn't commented on the question because "I am too shocked by this flagrant violation of Calhammer's own rulings in RURITANIA."

O.K., fine. But I don't recognize the RURITANIA ruling and for one simple reason: as John Boardman himself told me, "The RURITANIA Ruling can not be accepted as a part of the rules, since Calhammer was himself one of the players involved and he ruled in his own favor." If Mr. Calhammer should desire to write the RURITANIA ruling into the rules by specific example, I would feel bound to follow it on games begun after the new rulebook appeared. However, if he continues to take no official position, I will stick to my guns. I feel my interpretation to be the only possible interpretation under the rules as they now stand.

Hal Naus notes in A DROIT that he would have ruled the same way I did.

Don Miller feels that, in the Russo-English situation, F Denmark is eliminated but the province of Denmark remains vacant and English.

Under Calhammer's rule, as expressed in RURITANIA, the situation would have been a standoff, ignoring entirely the unit in Denmark -- which seems weird since his own rules state that the unit in Denmark has a duty and obligation to support itself.

That is the major reason why I take the RURITANIA Question with a grain of salt.

Richard Shagrin (Rm. 356, Haggett Hall, U. of Washington, Seattle, Wash., 98105) has a unique commentary: "Once again Richard Shagrin...to the rescue. Now for the definitive answer to your problem (Turkey-Italy fleets). "An order to move with support, against a unit belonging to the same country as the moving or supporting unit, is of no effect." -- Rules of DIPLOMACY, P.4, in the middle, just above ATTACK. Your analysis of the situation is, then, correct and exactly by the book ((and so McCallum and Calhammer both are in violation of the rules if they rule standoff, while I'm by the book, as I've always claimed. JLC)). In the hypothetical Turkish-Italian situation, there is some faint, irrational prejudice that tells me that the Turkish move order is "of no effect"...and thus Italy makes it. But this way madness lies. Assume a 2-2 standoff. The clever rulebender lets one of his units support his opponents move -- presto! the move is "of no effect" and his unit's moves succeed, where

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